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The following steamers are intended to leave Port Said on or about the following dates:—

"PERSIA"	7,981	Tons	2	January	for	Marseilles, Plymouth and London.
"CEYLON"	4,094	"	3	"	"	Malta and London.
"BORNEO"	4,673	"	9	"	"	Malta and London.
"MOLDAVIA"	9,500	"	9	"	"	Marseilles, Plymouth and London.
"ARABIA"	7,903	"	16	"	"	Marseilles, Plymouth and London.
"SYRIA"	6,600	"	23	"	"	Malta and London.
"VICTORIA"	6,523	"	23	"	"	Marseilles, Plymouth and London.
"ORIENTAL"	5,384	"	30	"	"	Marseilles, Plymouth, and London.
"SOCOTRA"	6,000	"	5	February	"	London.
"HIMALAYA"	6,898	"	6	"	"	Marseilles, Plymouth and London.
"PALERMO"	7,597	"	13	"	"	London.

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Orient-Pacific Line of Royal Mail Steamers.

OUTWARDS to AUSTRALIA.
R.M.S. *Ortona* will leave Suez about ... ... Jan. 18
" *Orizaba* " " " ... ... " 27
HOMEWARDS to NAPLES, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, PLYMOUTH, LONDON, TILBURY.
R.M.S. *Orontes* will leave Port-said about ... ... Jan. 2/05
" *Omrah* " " " ... ... Jan. 16/05

N.B.—Homeward steamers are sometimes before their advertised dates.

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" to Plymouth or Tilbury. " " 23 " " 13 " " 8 16/-

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SPECIAL REDUCED RATES DURING THE SUMMER SEASON.

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S.S. *Derbyshire*, 6,635 tons, will leave Suez about January 4/05.
S.S. *Lancashire*, 7,956 tons will leave Suez about January 18/05.
HOMEWARDS to MARSEILLES and LONDON.
S.S. *Yorkshire*, 4,196 tons, will leave Port-Said about January 9/05.
S.S. *Warwickshire*, 6,000 tons will leave Port-Said about January 25/05.
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Bombay	31.10	Mombasa	30.—	Calcutta	31. 0	Bowen	62.10	Marseilles	15.10
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EXPECTED AT ALEXANDRIA.
S.S. *Leros* now in the berth discharging will sail for Beyrout.
S.S. *Gunther* Jan. 2, from Hamburg, bound for Rotterdam and Hamburg.
S.S. *Imbros* " 8, from Hamburg, bound for Beyrout.
For tariffs and particulars apply to ADOLPHE STROSS, Alexandria, *Agent*. — 15-2-905

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Friday	2	Dec.	at noon	*Sénégal*	Cap. Vincenti
"	9	"	"	*Congo*	" Galetti
"	16	"	"	*Niger*	" Camugli
"	23	"	"	*Salazie*	" X.
"	30	"	"	*Sénégal*	" Vincenti

For Port Said and Beyrouth

Wednesday	7	Dec.	at 4 p.m.	*Niger*	Capt. Camugli
"	21	"	"	*Sénégal*	" Vincenti

For Port Said Jaffa and Beyrouth

Wednesday	14	Dec.	at 4 p.m.	*Salazie*	Capt. X
"	28	"	"	*Congo*	" Galetti

Rate of passage money Including table wine.

	1st Class	2nd Class.
From Alexandria to Naples	£ 9.10. 5	£ 6.15. 0
To Marseilles	" 13. 1. 5	" 9. 5. 0
To Port Said	" 1.15.10	" 1. 7.10
To Jaffa	" 5. 5. 5	" 3. 5. 5
To Beyrouth	" 4. 7. 2	" 3. 3. 7
Through tickets for Paris (viâ Marseilles)	" 15.12. 1	" 10.12.... 5
Through tickets for London (viâ Marseilles) (Calais-Douvres)	" 19. 0. 0	" 13.17.... 1
" " " " (Boulogne-Folkestone)	" 19. 2. 7	" 13.12.... 0
Interchangeable return tickets with the Austrian Lloyd Oy. (available one way by Messageries Maritimes and on return by Austrian Lloyd) (viâ Trieste)	" 22.15. 0	" 15.12. 10

Sailings from Port Said in December 1904.

For Marseilles Direct: Probably on Friday 9 Dec. *Natal* Capt. Fabre returning from Indian Ocean
" " Wednesday 21 " *Djemnah* " Durrande " " "

Sailings from Suez in December, 1904.

For Aden, Colombo, Singapore, Saigon, Hong-Kong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Saturday	17 Dec.	*Brest-Simons*	Capt. Bourdon
For Djibouti, Colombo, Singapore, Saigon, Hong-Kong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Saturday	3 "	*Australien*	" Verron
	"	31 "	*Polynésien*	" X
For Djibouti, Zanzibar, Mutsamudu, Mayotte, Majunga, Nossi-Bé, D. Suarez, Tamatave, La Réunion and Maurice	Friday	16 "	*Iraouaddy*	" X
For Djibouti, Aden, Mahé, Diego-Suarez, Ste. ... Tamatave, La Réunion and Maurice ... ... Marie, ...	Saturday	31 "	*Natal*	" Fabre
For Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Freemantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Noumea	Monday	26 "	*Nera*	" Chevalier

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SWEDISH PRINCE (bldg.)	8,000	BLACK PRINCE	7,000	SAXON PRINCE	6,000
TUDOR PRINCE	7,000	NORMAN PRINCE	6,000	CROWN PRINCE	5,000
ITALIAN PRINCE	5,000	GEORGIAN PRINCE	4,750	TROJAN PRINCE	4,750
MERCHANT PRINCE	4,650	SAILOR PRINCE	4,650	EGYPTIAN PRINCE	4,650
SOLDIER PRINCE	4,650	RUSSIAN PRINCE	4,500	SPARTAN PRINCE	4,475
MEXICAN PRINCE	4,420	HIGHLAND PRINCE	3,350	IMPERIAL PRINCE	3,750
SICILIAN PRINCE	3,750	NAPOLITAN PRINCE	3,750	PERSIAN PRINCE	3,250
BRITISH PRINCE	3,180	MOORISH PRINCE	3,180	CASTILLIAN PRINCE	3,100
GRECIAN PRINCE	3,075	EASTERN PRINCE	3,050	ASIATIC PRINCE	3,050
ORSOLM PRINCE	3,050	CARIB PRINCE	3,050	KAFFIR PRINCE	2,950
SYRIAN PRINCE	3,050	ORANGE PRINCE	2,975	CYPRIAN PRINCE	2,750
INDIAN PRINCE	2,750	SCOTTISH PRINCE	2,650	ROMAN PRINCE	2,630
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CARIB PRINCE	"	London	" 26	CYPRIAN PRINCE	"	Antwerp & London	" 12
CREOLE PRINCE	"	Manchester	Jan. 1	GRECIAN PRINCE	"	Manchester	" 17
SPARTAN PRINCE	"	Antwerp & London	" 3	SYRIAN PRINCE	"	Antwerp & Middlesbro'	" 27

HOMEWARD SAILINGS.—The S.S. *Trojan Prince* is now loading for Manchester and will be followed by the S.S. *Castillian Prince*.
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Ellerman " *Avon* " Liverpool & Malta " " " " 6
Westcott " *Nova* " Antwerp, London & Malta " " " " 9
" " *Joshua Nicholson* " " " " " " " .....

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PURITAN	23rd	PURITAN	13th
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The following steamers are intended to leave PORT SAID:

HOMEWARD: for Bremen or Hamburg viâ NAPLES, GENOA, (GIBRALTAR), SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP

PREUSSEN	5295	Tons	about 20	Dec.	Gross. KURFUERST	13132	Tons about 31 Jan.
BARBAROSSA	10915	"	" 31	"	SEYDLITZ	8000	" " 20 "
Pr. Reuss. FRIEDRICH	8000	"	" 14	Jan.	ROON	8.23	" " 11 Feb.

OUTWARD: for China and Japan viâ SUEZ, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE,

SACHSEN	5026	Tons	9	Jan.	BREMEN	11570	Tons 23 Jan.
PRINCESS ALICE	10911	"	23	"	SCHARNHORST	8000	" 13 Feb.
Pr. Reg. LEOPOLD	6283	"	6	Feb.	SEYDLITZ	8000	" 13 March

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Dec. 24 4 p.m. *Habsburg* Capt. Klausberger. Jan. 7 4 p.m. *Cleopatra* Capt. A. Ivellich.
" 31 " *Semiramis* " Marsinolich. " 24 " *Habsburg* " Klausberger

Alexandria-Patras Brindisi-Gravosa-Trieste Line.

Steamer leaves Alexandria on or about 4th and 18th January, 1905.

Far East Line.

(Departure from Suez). To Aden, Kurachee, Bombay, Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe about Jan. 3rd 05, To Aden and Bombay accelerated service about 9th Jan. 1905. To Aden, Karachi, Colombo, Madras, Rangoon and Calcutta about 20th January, 1905.

East African Line.

To Aden, Mombassa, Zanzibar, Beira, Delagoa Bay, Durban about 3rd Jan., 1905.

Syrian-Caramanian Line

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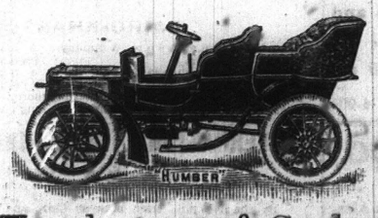

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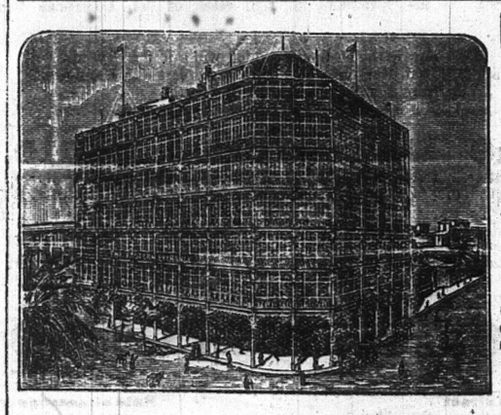

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Force ,, ,,		Light
State of Sea		Smooth
During 24 hours ending 8 a.m.	Max. Temp. in the shade	71.0
	Min. do. do.	66.0
	Humidity	69.0
	Rainfall	—

REMARKS.

There has been continuous fine, though cold, weather throughout, since Saturday.

INLAND STATIONS

For the 24 hours ending 8 a.m. Yesterday

STATIONS.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.	STATIONS.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.
Port Said	18	8	Wady Halfa	22	5
Suez	17	10	Berber	33	16
Cairo: Helouan	18	6	Shakin	31	—
Cairo: Ghizeh	19	6	Khartoum	35	16
Beni Suef	—		Wad Medani	37	17
Assiout	21	4	Dueim	34	12
Assouan	21	6			

FOREIGN STATIONS.

STATIONS.	Barom.	Wind.	Temp.	State Sea
Crioste	750.1	Calm	2.4	Calm
Malta	758 9	Fresh	13.4	Moder.
Brindisi	753.9	Light	9.1	Rather Rough
Athens	764.9	Almost Calm	8.1	Very Slight
Amassol	758.4	Almost calm	12.8	Slight

PHASES OF THE MOON.			THE SUN. Rises.	Sets.
Jan. 5	New Moon	8.17 p.m.	6.52 a.m.	5.9 p.m.
,, 13	1st Quarter	10.11 p.m.	6.51 ,,	5.16 p.m.
,, 21	Full Moon	9.4 a.m.	6.51 ,,	5.23 p.m.
,, 28	Last quarter	2.20 a.m.	6.48 a.m.	5.28 p.m.

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OFFICIAL SPELLING.

Has not the time arrived for a stereotyped spelling of the names of towns and villages in Egypt? The present variety is more confusing than pleasing. The *Journal Officiel* often contains several spellings of the same place according as the name is being used by the Public Works, Railway, Finance, or other administration. Nor is an administration always uniform in its method, for the Railway Administration sometimes exhibits in time-table, telegraphic guide, tickets, station home-boards, and lamps all the various forms of spelling. Here are some illustrations of variety taken from official sources: Kalioubieh, Galioubieh, Qualiubia; Guizeh, Guiza, Giza; Kena, Keneh, Qena; Assiout, Assyut, Assiut; Ebchan, Ebshan, Ibshan; Barqnaqs, Barknaks. When names can be found indifferently under the initial K Kh H C G or Q, it is quite a labor to consult an index.

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BY ORDER.
25136-6-5

Some years ago the Indian Government adopted a uniform system of spelling on the Hunterian method, to prevent confusion, and it is quite time the Egyptian Government did the same. The stereotyped form could be left to the Survey Department, who have already nearly completed a survey of Egypt embracing every single hamlet, or ezbeh, ezbet, isba, izba, izbit. This department could issue a general index, and also a geographical list with mudiriehs, districts, villages, esbehs. It would be of much use in fixing exact name and locality. Press notices of village occurrences are at times very vague as to locality. Teh el Baroud, often erroneously called Tel, is now spelt Stai el Baroud on Survey maps. The names of natives is a great source of error, and a properly-spelt list would be of much service. A native's identity is at times lost in the vagaries of spelling.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL NEWS.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

POLITICAL CHANGES.

VIENNA, December 31.

The Emperor is going to Budapest to dissolve Parliament.

The Emperor has summoned Count von Buquoi to reconstruct the Austrian Cabinet, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. Koerber owing to ill-health. *(Reuter.)*

BUDAPEST, December 31.

Anxiety exists in Hungary with regard to next week's events.

There is much political bitterness among the Extreme Opposition, who contend that dissolution is unconstitutional and attack the Crown for supporting Count Tisza's Ministry. *(R.)*

VIENNA, December 31.

Baron Gautsch succeeds Herr von Koerber *(Havas.)*

VIENNA, January 1.

Baron Gautch has been appointed the new Austrian Premier. *(Reuter.)*

U. K. REVENUE.

INCREASE FOR LAST QUARTER.

LONDON, December 31.

The revenue during the quarter ending to-day shows an increase of £1,355,346. The revenue from the 1st April to the 31st December still shows a decrease of £1,643,791, compared with the same period last year, *(Reuter.)*

DEATH OF A CARDINAL.

PARIS, January 1.

Cardinal Langenieux is dead. *(Havas.)*

PORT ARTHUR

NEW TOWN ABANDONED.

MORE FORTS STORMED AND CAPTURED

DEFENSIVE POWER WEAKENING.

LONDON, December 31.

The *Daily Telegraph* learns from Chifu that a messenger from Dalny states that the Russians have abandoned the new town at Port Arthur, which was destroyed by the Japanese fire. The Japanese are unable to occupy the same for fear of mines which may be there. *(Reuter.)*

TOKIO, January 1.

The Japanese have taken by assault the forts of Sung-shu-shan and Palung-shan and the heights to the south of Huasangyantao. *(Havas.)*

TOKIO, January 1.

The Japanese yesterday, after exploding a series of mines, stormed and captured Sug-shu-shan, one of the most important of the remaining forts at Port Arthur. The Russians exploded mines as they were retreating. A portion of the garrison was buried under the debris but rescued by the Japanese, who captured some guns. The Japanese losses were small. There is every indication that the defensive power is weakening.

The Japanese to-day captured H fort and the new Palung-shan fort, together with the heights south of Hausangyantao. *(Reuter.)*

ADDRESS TO THE SPIRITS.

TOKIO, December 31.

On the occasion of a naval funeral, Admiral Togo delivered an eloquent and touching address to the spirits of his comrades fallen at Port Arthur. He declined a reception by the Tokio Municipality on the ground that the time is not yet ripe for such a ceremony. Admiral Togo is busily engaged in conferring with his naval staff as regards his future plans. *(Reuter.)*

THE BALTIC FLEET.

PORT LOUIS, December 31.

It is rumoured that the two Russian squadrons will join each other north of Majunga. *(Havas.)*

DUTCH NEUTRALITY.

THE HAGUE, January 1.

The Dutch battleship "De Ruyter" has been ordered to the East Indies. *(Reuter.)*

DEPARTING RUSSIAN TROOPS.

REVIEWED BY TSAR.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 1.

The Tsar is visiting South Russia in order to bid farewell to the troops who are departing for the Far East. The Tsar held a review at Birsula and urged the soldiers to win fresh glory. The men responded with enthusiastic cheers. *(Reuter.)*

KOREA.

DIFFICULT POLITICAL SITUATION.

SEOUL, December 31.

The political situation here is very difficult. There have been several political meetings lately. A serious riot, caused by the pro-Japanese, occurred in front of the Palace. Twelve persons were shot by Korean guards. Further rioting is expected. The streets are filled with Japanese gendarmes. *(Reuter.)*

RUSSIAN REFORM MOVEMENT.

REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 31.

The provincial authorities are taking measures to prevent banquets which cloak reform meetings. *(Reuter.)*

ST. PETERSBURG, January 1.

M. de Witte, President of the Committee of Ministers, is actively preparing material in order to study the reforms indicated in the Tsar's manifesto. The first meeting of the Committee will take place on the 3rd inst. *(R.)*

FINLAND.

A PETITION TO THE TSAR.

HELSINGFORS, January 1.

The four Estates of the Finnish Diet have decided to present a petition to the Tsar asking for the withdrawal of the Russification decree of 1903, in order to re-establish a legal order of things in Finland. *(Reuter.)*

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VIOLENT GALE IN BRITAIN.

NUMEROUS CASUALTIES.

LONDON, December 31.

A violent gale swept the British Isles yesterday, causing numerous casualties on land and sea. Considerable telegraphic interruption occurred. There was an extraordinarily high tide in the Thames and Medway. The Victoria Embankment is inundated, and Cleopatra's Needle is surrounded by water. *(Reuter.)*

INTENSE COLD IN RUSSIA.

38 DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 1.

Intense cold prevails in Russia. The trains are delayed. All the schools in Moscow are closed. The thermometer marks 38° below zero Fahr. *(Reuter.)*

ADEN HINTERLAND.

IRADE WHOLLY UNSATISFACTORY.

LONDON, January 1.

The Iradé concerning the Aden hinterland proves to be wholly unsatisfactory, as it widely modifies the British proposals. *(Reuter.)*

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

PARIS, December 31.

The Sultan of Morocco has declared to the French Minister that he is disposed to continue to have recourse to the aid of the counsels of France. The crisis is considered as being happily at an end. *(Havas.)*

THE PROGRESS OF ARBITRATION.

PARIS, January 1.

At the New Year's Day reception of the Diplomatic Corps, M. Loubet, replying to Count Tornielli, spoke of the progress of the idea of arbitration in the minds of the peoples and governments. *(Havas.)*

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE ANCONA COURT has acquitted Mr. Sciplini, accused of having accidentally killed the late Mr. Roisetti, the Cairo advocate.

THE NILE COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD., has obtained the contract for supplying meat to the British Army of Occupation in Cairo.

EMBEZZLEMENT AT G. P. O.—It has been discovered that some embezzlement has occurred in the funds of the Postal Benevolent Society at Alexandria, and an enquiry has been opened.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday afternoon a Copt who was crossing the junction at Ataba el Khadra, Cairo, was struck by a tram and sustained injuries which have since proved fatal.

A. L. M., & D. S.—We are asked to remind members of the choral union that the practices will be resumed to-morrow, at the Rudolph Asile at 6.15 p.m. In the future rehearsals will be on Monday evenings, at that hour.

COTTON IN CYPRUS.—The question of extending the cultivation of cotton in Cyprus has lately been occupying much attention, and last season some quantity of Egyptian cotton seed was imported and sown.

SUEZ CANAL.—On Thursday 29th December, 11 vessels passed through the canal, 10 of which were British and 1 Austrian. The receipts for the day were frs. 165,739.56. The total receipts from 1st to 29th December were 9,478,611.37.

MOTOR ACCIDENT. — We hear that H.H. Prince Hussein Kamel's motor car ran down and injured a carter at the corner of the Sharia el Madabegh. The Arab seems to have lost his head completely, and to have rushed in front of the motor instead of getting out of the way.

"THE CYPRUS JOURNAL" for December contains, as usual, a variety of interesting contributions more especially dealing with the agriculture of the island. Among other things we find articles on the manuring of cotton, sheep scab, the boar, the sow, poultry notes, archæological notes, etc.

COAL IMPORTS.—The imports of coal into Alexandria from the 1st January to the 29th ulto. amounted to 1,050,460 tons, as compared with 1,005,482 tons during the corresponding period last year. Of this total, Newcastle sent 240,694 tons, the Welsh coaling districts 594,774 tons, the Scotch districts 108,310 tons, and Yorkshire 58,375 tons, while the imports of other qualities came to 48,307.

GYMKHANA.—We publish to-day the programme of the Gymkhana to be held at Mena House next Friday. There are nine interesting events. The sixth is an open pony race to be ridden in colors. The band of the Inniskillings will play during the afternoon. In the evening there will be a dance. Trams will run frequently that day to the Pyramids, the last car leaving the Pyramids at midnight. Entries for the races can be made at Mena town office. Tables for luncheon at Mena House should be ordered beforehand.

ROYAL VISIT TO EGYPT.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

We hear that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will probably arrive in Egypt on the 26th inst., and will leave again on the 27th February.

Their Royal Highnesses, while at Cairo, will stay at Abdeen Palace, as the guests of H. H. the Khedive.

All the arrangements for the stay of the Duke and Duchess in Egypt have been placed in the hands of George Nungovich Bey.

THE KHEDIVE.

The Khedive has arrived at Montazah from Cairo. His Highness will return to the Capital in a few days.

QUARANTINE IN TURKEY.

PERA, Dec. 31.

Since the departures of the 28th, pilgrim ships from Aden are subject to 10 days' quarantine, ships without pilgrims five days, with disinfection and destruction of rats.

CATTLE PLAGUE.

During the week ending on Saturday last 57 deaths from bovine typhus were reported throughout Egypt. During the corresponding period last year, 7,169 deaths were reported. A slight recrudescence of the disease is noted during the last week, but this is entirely of a local character, confined to the provinces of Gharbieh and Ghizeh.

Since the beginning of the outbreak the cattle of the localities infected and neighbouring villages have been inoculated with serum. This has always checked the development of the disease. The quantity of serum at the disposal of the Sanitary Administration is amply sufficient for inoculation in case of local outbreaks, and a constant supply is furnished by the Serum Farm. The Administration has every ground for the hope that the disease will have disappeared by the end of this year.

The serum seems to have little or no protective effect with animals coming from Cyprus, many of which, though inoculated, have succumbed to the disease. Similar experiments have been made in India on animals coming from the mountains and from the plains. The cattle of the plains are protected by the serum, which, however, has little or no effect on the mountain cattle, even when employed in strong doses. Under these conditions the Sanitary Administration considers the importation of Cypriots cattle, as long as the epidemic lasts, to be a mistake, as these animals are sure to be infected sooner or later.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

On Saturday two new cases of plague were reported, with a death outside hospital, at Suez, and one new case with two deaths outside hospital at Kafr el Fokaha, in the Toukh Markaz.

During the week ending the 31st December, 15 cases of bubonic plague occurred throughout Egypt. An increase appears in the number of cases occurring at Suez last week. It appears from the report that I have received from Dr. Cresswell and from my own observations, (says Sir H. Pinching in his report) that these cases are due to infection conveyed by rats, which had been infected themselves by goods coming from India or Upper Egypt. One of the persons attacked by plague at Suez is an assistant in a shop, which contains large quantities of indigo coming from Calcutta and tea from Madras. In moving the cases containing these goods the dead bodies of rats were found. Large quantities of beans have also been imported from Upper Egypt, where cases of plague occurred this year, the last of which was reported on July 31.

AN INTERESTING AUCTION.

Maitre Privat, of the Cairo Mixed Court, has issued notice of the sale by public auction of the furniture of Mr. Reich, a British subject, which was seized on the application of Mustapha Ahmed, a coachman and local subject. The sale will take place early in January. This announcement has aroused some interest in Cairo, as Mr. Reich was up to a few weeks ago in association with another gentleman, Mr. Bernie Mansfield, under the style of Reich and Mansfield. A short time back the partnership between these two gentlemen was dissolved. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. on the 6th inst. at the Old Continental Hotel buildings, where are the offices and residence of Mr. Reich.

BAND PERFORMANCE.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. G. M. Mackenzie, commanding, and officers, 2nd Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the Band will play the following programme on the Terrace, Grand Hotel, Helouan, to-morrow afternoon from 3.15 to 5.15 p.m.:—

March—The Bride Elect—Sousa.
Overture—The Village Festival—O'Kufe.
Song—Killarney—Balfe.
Selection—Veronique—Messager.
Valse—Friedens Palmen—Keler Bela.
Polacca—Picaroon—Gran.
Selection—The Toreador—Monckton.
Polka—Ionian—Mrs. Wardroper.
Regimental March.
Khedivial Anthem.
God Save the King.

RAMLEH ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

THE NEW TARIFF.

The new tariff which came into force yesterday on the Alexandria and Ramleh Railway Company's line has aroused a considerable amount of indignation among the inhabitants.

Mr. L. H. Birch sends us the following communication on the subject:—

The directors of the Ramleh Railway Company, Ltd., have issued a notice that no further contract tickets will be issued after 31st December, 1904, and that in place of them "carnets," or books of tickets, will be provided at a price which more than doubles the cost of the yearly contract. The reasons given for this new departure are:—

I. "That many contract holders refuse to show their tickets to the conductors when called upon to do so, and abuse and even assault them." The remedy for this is to send the offenders before the Tribunals, and exact the penalty for their misconduct.

II. "The company is now a tramway company and no such companies in Europe issue contract tickets." To this the reply is that it was a railway company when the concession was obtained from the Egyptian Government, and if it has suited the direction to convert the railway into a tramway for their own benefit, it is no reason why the public should be sacrificed.

The Government, having granted a monopoly to the company, should take care that this monopoly is not abused. The contract holders are mostly old residents, and it is not only the proceeds of their tickets that benefit the company, but also a further benefit accrues from the members of their households and guests who visit them and who do not hold contracts. What is to be the result of this new regulation? The increased charge is altogether immeasurate to the service rendered by the company. Numbers of people will have to leave Ramleh, and rents, house property, and land will all decrease in value. It behoves everybody to protest energetically against this regulation, which is unjustifiable from all points of view.

This morning we interviewed one of the members of the board of the company, Mr. Lumbroso, who gave us the following exposition of the directors' standpoint:—

In no country in the world are there season tickets for electric trams, but only books of tickets. After the electrification of the line, and out of consideration for the public's demands, season tickets were issued on the condition that every season ticket holder should have his photograph in the ticket case and should show it whensoever asked by the company's servants. But, continued Mr. Lumbroso, this system has been rendered impossible owing to the "mauvaise volonté" of the public and of the tricks played upon the company by false season ticket holders, who insulted and attacked the employés when asked to show their tickets. The directors have had to stop issuing season tickets, and have reduced the price of packets of 50 tickets for the first class from P.T. 88 to P.T. 75 and for the second class from P.T. 47 to P.T. 37½. This, said Mr. Lumbroso, was a sacrifice made by the company for the sake of the public, since on a total of about L.E. 50,000 the amount realised from season tickets was only L.E. 8,000. On the other hand, the abonné must take into consideration the fact that if the present price of the books of ticket appears to be higher than the season ticket rate, the new system has the advantage of allowing them to give away the tickets in the books to their families and servants if they wish to.

PASSENGERS' LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Le paquebot "Sirio" de la Cie Florio-Rubattino arrivé hier de Gênes avait à bord:

M.M. Lionel Sutro et fam., Bartlett et Whipple, Trukenburg, Crumm, Postorino, Amali, D. Hassan, Johnswood et Comp, H. Boidinann et Comp., Padovani, Cemmosky, Fergusson et fam., Johnston et fam., Huff Schley et Comp., Fonquet, M. et Mme S. Astom, Meyer, Adams, P. Levi et Comp., Vanda Hermes, E. M. More, A. Merolli, Comte Perigord, Malvano, Ravi, J. Neille, Com. Angelini et Benucci, Gossart et sa mère, Aziz Aboud et Comp. et 26 passagers de 3me classe.

Le paquebot "Cleopatra" du Lloyd Autrichien, arrivé ce matin de Trieste avait à bord:

M. et Mme Frappier, M. et Mme Donnet, Falianaky, M. et Mme C. Elmgren, R. Mgr. Lynch et 3 comp., M. et Mme Ranking, Baron V. Prerich, Mme Nilsen, Kübler, John, Zamistrian, Vegli, Florkovsky, Nicolcivich, Hover, Kumar, Metzler, Lamberg, Kristen, Blaskle, Schmelzer, M. et Mme Hilzheimer, Gota, Zabstnik et 2 de fam., Homko, Rotter, Fried, Jagovics et fils, Gerato et 8 passagers de 3me classe.

DEPARTURES.

Le paquebot "Semiramis" du Lloyd Autrichien parti samedi pour Trieste avait à bord:

M.M. H. Axiss, Karl Wollanks, Ed. Heinmann, Cap. A. Forsberg, B. Jenisch, ministre plénipotentiaire et consul général, D.A.J. Hamilton, Dineau Stewart, Mme D. Stewart, E.P. Mitchell, F. Mitchell, Guido Kleinchuister, M. de la Bouglise, A. Brasi, E. Debourg, F. Buxbaum, M. et Mme A. Barber, sv. B. A. Findall, A. Trobridge, M. et Mme Napolski, Mme I. Monti Baldini, A. L. Lamas, R. Mordo, Chalikiopoulos, J. A. Fattersall, G. H. Pattison, Ernest Brod, Macdonald, R. Mattatia, Isidoro Salto, Weiglass, R. Abdela, Tattwall, F. Fleisched et 10 passagers de 3me classe.

Par Ellerman S. S. "City of Cambridge," sailed for Liverpool Saturday:— Dr. Rotherford, Miss Schofield, Miss Braun, Miss Cameron, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Marsden.

BIG FAILURE AT ALEXANDRIA

LIABILITIES £180,000.

The heavy fall in American cotton has led to the failure of one of the leading Syrian capitalists in Egypt, Mr. Selim Tawil, who belongs to a family which is well known at Alexandria, and whose business connections were very extensive. His speculations were chiefly directed to American cotton, and on Friday last he found himself unable to pay his differences. The amount he has failed for is said to be £180,000. As the Bourse and all the banks are closed to-day it is impossible for us to obtain complete details of the failure.

Mr. Tawil was arrested on Saturday but was at once released on the guarantee of Mr. Gorra, late of the Imperial Ottoman Bank at Alexandria.

SAVOY SMALL DANCE.

Saturday evening's small dance at the Savoy was a huge success, and seldom, even in the very height of the season, has there been a more enjoyable one. Nearly all the officers of the Army of Occupation and of the Egyptian Army were present, as well as the usual habitués of Savoy Saturday's dances. The restaurant was crowded both for dinner and supper. Dr. Milton gave a big dinner party. His guests numbered 18, including the Misses Coles, Dr. Tribe, Mr. McGillivray, Mr. Greville, Dr. Hayward, Mrs. Pidgeon, Mr. Russell, Miss Gabriel, Miss Ball, Miss Cox, Miss Landon, Miss Joseph, Mr. Mussell, and Mr. Scott Moncrieff. Mr. and Mrs. Bell entertained a party of 10, amongst the guests being Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Home, Major and Miss Petre, Capt. the Hon. A. Stanley, and Miss Hurley. Dr. and Mrs. Page-May entertained 11 guests at dinner, Mrs. Simon had a party of 4, Capt. C. H. Garrat a party of 6, and Mr. P. W. Stout a party of 4. Mr. and Mrs. Berners entertained Sir John and Lady Rogers, and Col. Sir Henry Oldham dined with Major-General Ralph Allen, while Mr. Sheldon Amos had a party of 5.

Among others at the dance we observed Mrs. and Miss Royle, Col. Matchett, Mr. P. W. Machell, Sir Edward and Lady Zohrab Pasha, Mr. Vincent Corbett, Dr. and Mrs. Madden, Mr. Mitchell Innes, Col. and Mrs. J. K. Watson, etc.

SPORT AND PLAY.

FOOTBALL.

R.M.A. v. D. Coy, R. BERKS REGT.

An exciting game between these two singularly well-matched teams took place at Mustapha on Saturday last. The game was a very fast one, the ball travelling swiftly from goal to goal, and there was not a dull moment throughout. Result: a pointless draw.

KHEDIVIAL SPORTING CLUB.

The following are the weights for the PADDOCK HANDICAP, to be run on the second day of the Cairo Second Winter Race Meeting (January 25 and 27):—

Sirur 8.9, Abou Arkoub 9.12, Ide 10.7, Siham 9.8, Sadik 10.9, Latiff 9.13, Klondyke 9.12, Farhan II. 11.2, Saber 10.12, Rice 10.6, Royalist 10.12, Fantasia 10.11, Eclipse 10.5, Petit Duc 8.13, Agib 10.5, Hardcase 10.2, Sans Pareil 10.8, Vandal 10.6, India 9.7, Fahr 9.0, Caprice 11.9, Viking 9.6, Amory 9.7.

GYMKHANA.

TO BE HELD AT MENA HOUSE
ON FRIDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1905.

Entrance to Grand Stand and Enclosure:
GENTLEMEN P.T. 10—LADIES P.T. 5—
CHILDREN FREE.

Tea will be served on the ground free of charge.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR ALL THE EVENTS.

A Band will play during the afternoon.

FIRST RACE AT 3 P. M.
EVENTS.

1. DONKEY RACE for Gentlemen.
2. HACK RACE, Ponies and Galloways.
3. EGG AND SPOON RACE, Ladies on donkeys.
4. HACK RACE (Horses), for Gentlemen.
5. CIGARETTE AND UMBRELLA RACE on donkeys.
6. THE MENA CUP. ½ mile straight. For all Arabs 14.2 and under. Open race to be ridden in colors. 1st horse P.T. 1000, 2nd P.T. 200, 3rd P.T. 75.
7. LADIES' HACK RACE.
8. LLOYD LINDSAY RACE, on Ponies.
9. AFFINITY STAKES, on Horses.

There will be a dance at 9.30 p.m. 25174-1

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Moss liner "Seti" sailed from Liverpool on Friday afternoon and is due here about the 13th inst., with passengers, mails, and general cargo.

The Moss liner "Menes" arrived at Liverpool on Saturday morning.

The Ellerman S.S. "City of Cambridge" sailed on Sunday morning direct for Liverpool with passengers and a full cargo, including 5,169 bales cotton.

The Messageries Maritimes S.S. "Niger," from Marseilles, passed the Straits of Messina on Saturday and is due here to-morrow morning.

CONSTANTINOPLE NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

JUDGE SAUSMAREZ'S DEPARTURE.

Constantinople, December 27.

Judge and Mrs. de Sausmarez left Constantinople for London last Tuesday. Their departure is a cause of general regret, and the very large gathering of friends at the station to see them off bore testimony to their great popularity in this city. It is not only a learned judge that the Constantinople and Egyptian Bar loses in the person of Mr. de Sausmarez, but also one who, during his tenure of office, has displayed merits of a high order in the cause of justice and in the interests of litigants.

GREEK-CATHOLIC PATRIARCH.

On Friday last, after the ceremony of the Selamlik, H. B. Mgr. Cyril, Greek-Catholic Patriarch at Alexandria, was received in audience by the Sultan, to lay the expression of his homage and devotion at the foot of the Imperial throne and to take leave on the occasion of his return to Alexandria. The departure of the Patriarch will take place in a fortnight.

Last Saturday, Mgr. Cyril paid a visit to Mgr. Ermaian, Armenian Patriarch at Constantinople. He also visited, with his suite, the Armenian Cathedral at Coum-Capu.

PERSIAN MISSION.

Aly Ekber Khan, brother of the Persian Ambassador here, Futhullah Khan, military attaché, and Aly Asghar Khan, attaché of the Persian Embassy, arrived here last week from St. Petersburg. They are the members of the special mission sent by the Shah of Persia to the Tsar, and will proceed very shortly to Cairo on a visit to H.H. the Khedive. They are awaiting the arrival of the Persian Ambassador at Constantinople, who will be the head of the mission.

PERSONAL.

The betrothal is announced from Smyrna of Miss Effie Charnaud, daughter of Mr. Edwin Charnaud, chief inspector of the Ottoman Public Debt, with Mr. Henry Williamson, of Cairo. The bride is the niece of Mr. Charnaud, director of the Tobacco Regie here.

The news of the death of Mr. Hicks, manager of the Imperial Ottoman Bank's agency at Cairo, was received here with much regret, Mr. Hicks having been very popular. His successor has not yet been appointed.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

The rush of well-known people to Egypt after the New Year promises to be exceptionally heavy. Plans are already being disarranged and rearranged, owing to the difficulty of securing berths on steamers. The Earl and Countess of Dalhousie, who are going up the Nile, accompanied by Miss Margaret Fraser, have had to postpone their departure from England for this reason.

The Earl of Cromer will probably return from his Nile trip on the 20th inst.

Lady Arthur Russell and Miss Russell are expected at Cairo from the Fayoum in the course of the week.

M. and Mme Maximoff are leaving for the Upper Nile about the middle of this month.

M. and Mme. Boulinière will also visit the Upper Nile and perhaps the Sudan in February.

The celebrated American artist, Mrs. Anna Louise Blanchard, of New York, arrived in Cairo yesterday. The wife of one of the most prominent members of the Diplomatic Corps has arranged to give sittings to Mrs. Blanchard for a portrait in oils.

Mr. Charles Betts, the well-known stockbroker at Alexandria, has entered into partnership with Mr. Otto Schmidt, the son-in-law of the late Mr. Micallef.

The Darmanin family thank all those who attended the funeral of the late Antonio Darmanin, or who in other ways showed sympathy in their bereavement, as well as Messrs. Allen, Alderson & Co. and the whole of the firm's staff.

Among the latest arrivals at the Savoy Hotel, Port Said, we notice Miss von Goldacker, Dr. Baissler, Mr. R. Colebrooke and Miss Colebrooke, Mr. Melas, Dr. B. Morits, Mr. H. Schwesle, Prof. Dr. H. Ritter, Vicomte de Fontarce, Mr. Reynolds, Commandant Schwanck, Baron Oppenheim, Mr. Anders, Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Schailk, Messrs. Lemarche.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of EDMUND KELLY DE WILTON BEY, late of Suez, Egypt, deceased, who died at Cairo on 25th March, 1903, are required to send in particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned Leon Carton de Wiart, Advocate, Cairo, Attorney for the Executrix under the will of the deceased, on or before the 31st day of January, 1905, after which date he will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased and will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1904.

25179-4-1 L. CARTON DE WIART.

A NEW SUEZ CANAL.

FRENCH VIEWS.

IMPORTANT INTERVIEW.

The Paris correspondent of the *Standard*, writing under date of the 18th December sends the following interesting article to that newspaper:—

The telegraphic announcement received here from London that Sir Theodore Angier, of the shipping firm of Messrs. Angier Brothers, had declared that the plans are complete for a second Canal accross the Isthmus of Suez, and that the contractors are ready to commence its construction, was calculated to mislead the general public into the belief that such a second Canal would really be cut without delay, unless to use the words of the despatch, "British cargo vessels received fairer treatment at the hands of the present Canal Company."

Before referring to the grievances of certain shipowners, it is right to point out that the Suez Canal Company possesses a monopoly which will not expire till the Canal, at the end of its concession in about seventy years, passes into the possession of the Egyptian Government. It is, of course, possible that the present Canal Company should, through violation of its concession, be pronounced to have forfeited its monopoly; but at the present time the complaints do not go so far as that.

It is probable that if the present Company failed to keep its engagements, the Egyptian Government would quash its monopoly, and perhaps grant another concession to a new company; but, the British Government, which possesses no fewer than 176,000 of the Suez Canal Shares, and has its representatives on the Board of Directors, has formulated no complaint against the management of the enterprise which produces for it a sufficiently large revenue to be of appreciable value to the English Treasury.

If the Canal were mismanaged, the British Government, as the largest shareholder, would certainly be the first to complain; but under present circumstances its representatives are in perfect accord with the president and other members of the board of directors, so that it is scarcely likely to advise the Khedive to grant a concession for a second Canal.

Even supposing the concession were granted by the Egyptian Government, there would still remain the question of the Sovereignty of the Sultan, and of the validity of that concession without the ratification of the Porte. It is, therefore, clear that if the plans for the cutting of a second Canal are already prepared, the moment has not yet come when the contractors can commence their work.

With regard to the Canal dues charged on the spaces on deck capable of being utilised for cargo, M. Bonnet, the general secretary of the Company, assured me to-day that the regulations for the measurement of those deck spaces were in complete accord with the decisions of the Constantinople Conference, and that, moreover, the Board of Trade approved them. Certain spaces on deck available for cargo were still exempt, and were only taxed for the payment of Canal dues after it had been demonstrated beyond doubt by the shipowner himself that they were destined to be occupied with cargo by cargobeing found in them. After a vessel has once presented itself in the Canal with cargo in such previously-exempted spaces, those spaces are for the future always included in the tonnage on which the Canal tolls are calculated.

After reading the interview with Sir Theodore Angier, published in *The Standard* of Saturday, I called again on M. Bonnet, who is leaving for Egypt on Tuesday with Prince d'Arenberg. Their visit to the Isthmus is in no way connected with the present agitation in favour of constructing an opposition canal, but is simply the annual visit of inspection always made by the President of the Suez Canal Company.

Sir Theodore Angier (as reported in your issue of December 16) said to your representative:—"We defeated Mr. Gladstone's assumption of a monopolist right, and he had to confess that he was wrong. We got a new concession."

"Both these statements," said M. Bonnet to me to-day, "are absolutely incorrect. Mr. Gladstone never contested the Company's monopoly, and no concession was ever granted for a second Canal."

The exclusive character of the Suez Canal Company's concession is unquestionable, especially as no one contests that the Canal now completely answers the requirements of the shipping using it. Sir Theodore Angier complains that the Suez Canal Company has in many ways violated what is known as "the London programme," signed in 1883. M. Bonnet's reply on this point was very clear. He said to me, in substance:—"Sir Theodore Angier contends that our tonnage measurements are arbitrary. The fact is that every vessel using the Canal has two certificates of tonnage. In the case of British ships, the Board of Trade gives first its home certificate of tonnage, and secondly a Suez Canal certificate, established in conformity with the regulations of that Company, drawn up by the Constantinople Conference. The Suez Canal authorities naturally base their Canal dues on this latter certificate, and make no arbitrary charges."

"With regard to the question of the dividend, taken in connection with the reduction of Canal dues," went on M. Bonnet, "the 'London programme' suggested that the future augmentation of the profits of the enterprise should be applied in equal parts to increase the dividend on the shares and to reduce the Canal dues. Thus, in 1883, when the dividend on the shares was only 99 francs, the Company made its customers, the shipowners, a present of half its eventual increased profits. This agreement has been kept so for several years till 1891, when there was no surplus to divide, whilst later on the surplus was sufficient only to permit of an annual reduction of a few centimes per ton. It was unanimously agreed between all the French and foreign Directors of the Canal that the reduction of dues should operate each time the surplus allowed of a reduction of 50 centimes per ton, and not before."

"If the reduction of one or a fraction of a centime were made annually, the Company," said the secretary, "would run the risk of being obliged in a bad year to reduce its dividend without being able to increase the Canal dues. Moreover the division of surplus profits is based on the dividend at the moment of the last diminution of the toll."

"It was also promised on the 'London programme,'" pursued M. Bonnet, "that after the dividend on the shares should have reached 25 per cent., or 125 francs per share, the totality of the surplus profits should go towards the reduction of the Canal dues. That moment arrived quicker than was anticipated; and, immediately the surplus profits allow of the reduction of the present toll of 8 francs 50 centimes per ton by 50 centimes, the diminution will be effected. In the meantime the dividend has increased and will increase, and the further surplus profits, after each reduction of the toll by 50 centimes, will, as heretofore, be calculated on the dividend declared simultaneously with the lowering of the toll. Till now this interpretation of the 'London programme' has been uncontested, and it would evidently be impossible to get the shareholders of any company to accept the position of the certainty of no increase in their dividend with the possibility, and even the probability, of a reduction in their income owing to the fact of all the surplus profits being employed to reduce tolls which might, in the case of a period of prosperity being followed by one of commercial depression, have been brought down so low as to entail a very heavy loss to the shareholders."

"The next reduction of fifty centimes in the toll will take place," added M. Bonnet, "when the dividend on the share capital has reached one hundred and thirty-five francs. Each ten francs increase of the dividend will correspond for the future with a reduction of fifty centimes in the toll."

As to Sir Theodore Angier's idea that the British directors should be appointed by the British shipowners, M. Bonnet pointed out to me what Prince d'Arenberg wrote some weeks ago, and he declared there could be no question of reversing that decision. The directors are, as in every company, selected by the board of directors, and their appointment is ratified by the shareholders at the general meeting.

The Egyptian Salt & Soda Company, Ltd.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Egyptian Salt & Soda Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 6, Old Jewry, E.C., on the twelth day of January 1905 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined extraordinary and special resolutions will be proposed.

Should the special resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second extraordinary meeting which will be held on the 27th January 1905, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at the Registered Office of the Company.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

That the Articles of Association be altered as follows namely:

a) In Article 34 the words "registered office or the Company's offices in Cairo" shall be substituted for the word "office."

b) In Article 43 (-1-) after the words "except upon" add the words "a request of an allottee on an allotment of shares or upon."

c) 43 (4). The words "allottees or" shall be added after the words "save as aforesaid."

d) In Article 61 the words "in Cairo" shall be added in the 2nd and last lines after the word "place."

e) In Article 63 the word "to be held in Cairo" shall be added in after the word "meeting."

f) Article 55 after the word "meeting" in the second line and after the word "held" in the last line add the words "in Cairo."

g) In Article 82 the words "shall be deposited at such place or places in Cairo as shall be appointed for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting" shall be substituted for the words "shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company."

h) In Article 84 the word "not" shall be deleted and add after the words "such warrants" the words' "upon depositing the certificate entitling them to vote with the instrument of proxy and the power of attorney (if any) under which it is signed, in the manner set forth in article 82."

i) In Article 92 the figures "150" and "300" shall be substituted for the figures "250" and "500" respectively.

j) In Article 102 the words "in Cairo" shall be added after the words "office of the Company."

k) In Article 107 add at the end of the article the words "the meetings of Directors shall be held in Cairo."

l) In Article 114 the words "the business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors in and from Cairo only" shall be substituted for the words "the management of the business of the Company shall be vested in the Directors."

m) In Article 136 the words "the seal shall be kept in Cairo by the Directors" shall be substituted for the words "the seal shall be in the custody of the Directors."

n) In article 117 the last sentence shall be cancelled and the following shall be added "The books of account, except in so far as may be otherwise required by the Companies Acts shall be kept at such place in Cairo as the Directors may determine."

o) In Article 150 the words "or Egypt" shall be added in the second and fourth lines after the word "Kingdom."

p) In Article 151 the words "or Egypt" shall be added after the word "Kingdom" and the words "registered office or the Office in Cairo" shall be substituted for the word "office."

Shareholders holding Share Warrants to Bearer who wish to attend the General Meeting of the Company must first deposit their Bearer Warrants, together with a statement of their names and addresses, either with the following Banks, in Cairo and Alexandria: The National Bank of Egypt, Crédit Lyonnais, Anglo-Egyptian Bank, Banque Impérial Ottomane, Bank of Egypt, ten clear days before the date of the General Meeting, viz., not later than the 2nd Jan. 1905, or with the National Bank of Egypt Agency (4 and 5, King William St.) or the Registered Office of the Company (6, Old Jewry, E.C.) viz. not later than the 9th Jan. 1905, the Share Warrants remaining so deposited until after the General Meeting and Confirmatory Meeting (if any) shall have been held.

Each Depositer will receive a Certificate of Deposit in exchange for the Share Warrants deposited and a Ticket of Admission which he must produce at the Meeting. 25145-3-1

Direction General of Customs.

NOTICE.

The public is informed that from the 15th January, 1905, import goods of all kinds, whether for commercial or private purposes, except goods arriving in bulk and dangerous or inflammable substances, may be sent in bond to Cairo before payment of duty.

The Alexandria Bonded Warehouse Co., Ltd., is authorised to receive and deposit such goods in its stores, which are situated near the Cairo Station and placed under Customs supervision.

Customs and other dues accruing to the Administration will be collected by the Customs at the moment of withdrawal.

For further particulars application should be made to the Directors of the Custom Houses of Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said, and Suez.

Alexandria, 26th November, 1904.

24986-2*-2

Municipalité d'Alexandrie

AVIS

Liste Electorale Générale Municipale pour l'année 1905.

Le Public est informé que la Liste électorale municipale pour l'année 1905, est affichée du 1er au 15 Janvier 1905 au Gouvernorat, à la Bourse Khédiviale et à la Municipalité, où toute personne pourra la consulter.

Les personnes qui auraient des réclamations à faire pourront les présenter jusqu'au 31 Janvier 1905 à M. le Vice-Président de la Commission Municipale, lequel en référera à cette assemblée qui statuera en dernier ressort.

En cas de réclamation, les personnes intéressées devront produire les justifications nécessaires (quittance de la taxe du 2%) afin d'en permettre le contrôle sur les registres de la Perception.

Des formules imprimées sont à la disposition des réclamants à la Municipalité.

Le Gouverneur de la Ville d'Alexandrie,
DR. SIDKY.

Alexandrie, le 30 Décembre 1904. 25166-3-2

AVIS

aux porteurs d'actions du Metropolitan and Cairo-Helouan Railway

Messieurs les porteurs d'actions de capital et d'actions de jouissance de la société "Metropolitan and Cairo-Helouan Railway" sont informés que, par suite de la fusion par voie d'annexion entre cette société, annexée, et la société "The Egyptian Delta Light Railways Limited," annexante, sous la dénomination unique de cette dernière, leurs titres seront remplacés par des Preference Shares des Egyptian Delta Light Railways, Limited, jouissance du 1er Octobre 1903, sur la base de:

2 Preference shares Delta pour 1 action de capital Helouan et

2 Preference shares Delta pour 5 actions de jouissance Helouan.

L'échange sera fait dans les bureaux de la National Bank of Egypt au Caire.

Un avis ultérieur fera connaître la date à partir de laquelle cet échange sera effectué.

Le Caire, le 31 Décembre 1904.

Le Président
du Conseil d'Administration
FELIX SUARES.

25170-3-1

BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—We would call the attention of persons interested in Egyptian trade to the work of the British Chamber of Commerce of Egypt, whose office in Alexandria gives information as to standings, trade, &c., to its members, and whose monthly publication reviews our commerce. The annual subscription is £1 and all British traders should become members. Our London office, 36, New Broad-street E.C., acts as London agency to the Chamber.

MOUVEMENT MARITIME

DU PORT D'ALEXANDRIE

ARRIVEES

31 décembre

Constantinople et Pirée; 40h., vap. ang. Prince Abbas, cap. Auderlich, ton. 851, à la Khedivial Mail.

Batoum et Cavak; 4 j., vap. russe Sviet, cap. Kamenga, ton. 965, à la Cie Russe.

Marseille et Port-Saïd; 1 j., vap. ital. Nina, cap. Vicari, ton. 791, à Diab.

Odessa et Sude; 1 j., vap. russe Reine Olga, cap. Indieff, ton. 2479, à la Cie Russe.

1er janvier

Gènes et Messine; 65 h., vap. ital. Sirio, cap. Emmanuel, ton. 2275, à la Cie Florio-Rubattino.

DEPARTS

31 décembre

Brindisi et Trieste; vap. autr. Semiramis, cap. Martinolich.

Syrie; vap. ang. Mariout, cap. Shervington.

Candie; vap. hell. Byzantion, cap. Mavromatis.

Syrie; vap. ang. Bear, cap. Mac Mahon.

Constantinople; vap. ang. Lady Lewis, cap. Daniel, sur lest.

Manchester; vap. ang. Trojan Prince, cap. Lambert.

CREDIT FONCIER EGYPTIEN

Messieurs les Actionnaires sont convoqués à l'Assemblée Générale Ordinaire qui aura lieu le mardi 31 Janvier 1905 à 3 heures de l'après-midi, au Siège Social au Caire.

Ordre du Jour:

1° Lecture du Rapport du Conseil d'Administration sur les Affaires sociales;

2° Lecture du Rapport des Censeurs;

3° Approbation des Comptes et fixation du dividende pour l'exercice 1904;

4° Nomination d'Administrateurs;

5° Nomination de deux Censeurs pour l'exercice 1905.

Tout porteur de 50 actions a le droit d'assister à l'Assemblée Générale et conformément à l'article 28 des Statuts les Actions devront être déposées:

En Egypte au plus tard le 30 Janvier 1905.

En Europe au plus tard le 15 Janvier 1905.

Les dépôts seront reçus:

Au Caire, au Siège Social;

A Alexandrie, au Crédit Lyonnais;

En Europe, à la Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, — au Crédit Lyonnais, à la Société Générale — au Comptoir National d'Escompte — à la Société Générale de Crédit Industriel et Commercial.

25055-6*-2

SUDAN GOVERNMENT

Tenders will be received at the Office of the Financial Secretary to the Sudan Government, War Office, Cairo, up to 12 noon on the 9th day of January 1905, for the supply of:

15,000 (fifteen thousand) Grain sacks.

to be delivered at Shellal.

Persons wishing to tender for this adjudication can consult the specification and the sample at the above Office any day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. except Fridays and General Holidays.

25172-3-1

Eastern Telegraph Coy., Ltd.

AVERAGE TIME occupied in transmission of Egyptian telegrams from England to Alexandria on Saturday, 31st December, 1904.

OUTWARDS.

Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Cairo time)

FROM	MESSAGES HANDED IN AT: The Company's Offices.	MESSAGES HANDED IN AT: Postal Telegraphic Offices.
	H. M.	H. M.
London	20	38
Liverpool	24	—
Manchester	28	—
Glasgow	36	—
Other Provincial Offices	—	1.09

Delay due faulty landlines.

EXPORT MANIFESTS.

For LONDON, by the S.S. *Southgarth*, sailed on the 21st December:

Carver Bros. & Coy. Ltd, 565 tons cotton seed
Behrend & Co., 866 tons cotton seed
Kafr-el-Zayat Cotton Coy. Ltd, 14,049 bags oil cake
G. Brach & Co., 15 cases gum
Griva fr., 18 packages India rubber
A. Pansieri, 162 cases eggs
B. Mordo, 150 cases eggs
G. M. Ades, 86 cases eggs
L. Onofrio, 30 cases eggs
Salonica Cigarettes & Co., 2 cases cigarettes
Mustapha Hamad & Son, 1 case carpets
Egyptian Railway Administration, 1 case sample paints
M. Stefanou, 1 case furniture
Thos. Cook & Son, 9 packages effects
A. Misrahi & Co., 8 bales wool and 1 bag wool

For PIRÆUS and CONSTANTINOPLE, by the S.S. *Prince Abbas*, sailed on the 21st December:

Various, 650 bags rice, 60 bags henna, 125 bags sugar, 60 bags Sudan beans, 61 bags raisins, 582 packages vegetables, 41 packages empty gunbils, 90 packages dates, 49 packages sundries

For LIVERPOOL, by the S.S. *Britain*, sailed on the 21st December:

N. G. Casulli,	325	bales cotton
E. Mallison & Co.,	69	" "
R. & O. Lindemann,	55	" "
Monsi Bros.,	58	" "
J. Planta & Co.,	300	" "
Mohr & Fenderl,	200	" "
Carver Bros & Coy. Ltd,	768	" "
B. Barki,	278	" "
B. J. Coury & Co.,	89	" "
	1,967	bales cotton

Anglo-Egyptian Bank Ltd, 288 tons cotton seed
Abouchanab, 2,600 bags oil cake
L. Onofrio, 137 cases eggs
Fix & David, 60 cases eggs
Attal, 61 cases eggs
E. Minotto, 17,589 cases oranges
Various, 5 packages sundries

Pour LE PIREE et ODESSA, par le bateau russe *Tzar*, parti le 23 décembre:

Divers, 64 sacs riz, 883 colis légumes, 106 colis dattes, 6 colis gomme, 4 colis divers		
J. Planta & Co.,	250	balles coton
R. & O. Lindemann,	350	" "
G. Frauger & Co.,	100	" "
E. Mallison & Co.,	35	" "
Choremi, Benachi & Co.,	65	" "
	800	balles coton

For PORT-SAID and SYRIA, by the S.S. *Dalmatian*, sailed on the 24th December:

Various, 765 bags sugar, 80 bags flour, 185 bags Sudan beans, 15 bags potatoes, 8 bags gall-nuts, 98 packages coffee, 15 bags rice, 7 bags beans, 82 packages skins, 66 packages mats, 2,807 packages sundries		
For LIVERPOOL, by the S.S. *Belgravian*, sailed on the 25th December:		
Anglo-Egyptian Bank Ltd, 260 tons cotton seed		
T. Ghirghis, 200 tons beans		
H. Sidahmed, 420 bags oil cake		
A. Wascher & Co., 64 bags gum		
N. Cousas, 1 case cigarettes		
W. Getty & Co., 108 bales rags		
Bank of Egypt,	91	bales cotton
Birch & Co.,	200	" "
Choremi, Benachi & Co.,	848	" "
G. Frauger & Co.,	280	" "
J. Planta & Co.,	190	" "
Peel & Co.,	531	" "
Carver Bros. & Coy. Ltd,	1,414	" "
R. & O. Lindemann,	1,075	" "
B. Barzilotti	118	" "
Anglo-Egyptian Bank Ltd,	190	" "
	4,914	bales cotton

Various, 5 packages sundries

For MALTA and LIVERPOOL, by the S.S. *Ramses*, sailed on the 26th December:

F. Andres,	280	bales cotton
W. Getty & Co.,	185	" "
E. Toriel et fils,	21	" "
Bank of Egypt Ltd,	401	" "
J. Planta & Co.,	275	" "
F. O. Baines & Co.,	100	" "
C. G. Zervudachi et fils,	169	" "
H. Bindernagel,	575	" "
B. J. Coury & Co.,	100	" "
Georg Bicken,	20	" "
Cotsen fr.,	87	" "
N. G. Casulli,	591	" "
Behor Barki,	218	" "
Peel & Co.,	518	" "
Ravelli & Co.,	15	" "
Carver Bros. & Coy. Ltd,	810	" "
Mohr & Fenderl,	250	" "
Imp. Ottoman Bank,	516	" "
X. Constantinides,	59	" "
	4,585	bales cotton

R. Mordo, 200 cases eggs
Hadjes & Co., 90 cases eggs
Fix & David, 380 cases eggs
G. M. Ades, 228 cases eggs
Carver Bros. & Coy. Ltd, 300 tons cotton seed
Bank of Egypt Ltd, 448 bags sugar
G. Brach & Co., 104 bags gum
Butterworth & Smalley, 102 bales rags
G. Marcus & Co., 2 cases pictures
Various, 8 sundry packages and parcels

Pour CANDIE, par le bateau grec *Athènes*, parti le 26 décembre:

Divers, 790 sacs riz, 500 sacs sucre, 24 sacs fèves 151 sacs fèves du Soudan, 55 balles peaux, 8 cais. pétrole, 492 barils vides, 51 colis divers

For HULL, by the S.S. *Aleppo*, sailed on the 27th December:

Carver Bros. & Coy. Ltd,	2,5[illegible]	quarters beans
Anglo-Egyptian Bank Ltd,	1,000	" "
Fadros Ghirghis & Son,	3,780	" "
Barker & Co.,	751	tons cotton seed
Carver Bros. & Coy. Ltd,	1,146	" " "
Anglo-Egyptian Bank Ltd,	625	" " "
G. L. Sursock,	1,282	" " "
L. Heller, 200 barrels molasses		
Aly Mon. Saleh, 1,024 bags onions		
Hadjes & Co.,	100	cases eggs
L. Onofrio,	100	" "
F. Silbermann,	189	" "
Fix & David,	84	" "
G. M. Ades,	828	" "
Botton Bortolotti & Co.,	61	bales cotton
E. Mallison & Co.,	100	" "
A. Hess & Co.,	141	" "
	802	bales cotton

Pour MALTE and HAMBOURG, par le bateau all. *Lesbos*, parti le 27 décembre:

Carver Bros. & Coy. Ltd,	520	balles coton
F. Andres,	100	" "
Peel & Co.,	264	" "
R. & O. Lindemann,	291	" "
Choremi, Benachi & Co.,	682	" "
E. Mallison & Co.,	61	" "
	1,918	balles coton

Pour PORT-SAID et ODESSA, par le bateau russe *Gd. Du. Alexandre*, parti le 27 décembre:

Divers, 250 sacs riz, 24 sacs fèves du Soudan, 6 cais. cigarettes, 2 barils alcool

For HULL, by the S.S. *Norden*, sailed on the 28th December:

J. Goar & Son,	1,193	tons cotton seed
S. Tawil,	1,117	" " "
S. R. Bardaro figli,	397	" " "

For PIRÆUS and CONSTANTINOPLE, by the S.S. *El-Kahira*, sailed on the 28th December.

Various, 2,625 bags rice, 175 bags sugar, 10 bags beans, 10 bags lentils, 768 packages vegetables, 40 packages sundries

Marché de Minet-el-Bassal

Cotons: Clôture du marché du 31 décembre Un peu plus d'affaires.

BEURRES

Fair, Fully Fair, Good Fair, Fully Good Fair Good: Soutenus

HAUTE-EGYPTE ET FAYOUM

Fair, Fully Fair, Good Fair, Fully Good Fair Good: Soutenus

ARASSI

3me qualité, 1re qualité, Extra: Soutenus

IANNOVICH

3me qual. 1, 1re qualité, Extra: Soutenus

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS

CLOSING REPORTS

NEW-YORK, December 31.

The New-York Markets will be closed from to-day until Tuesday.

	LONDON, December 31
Private discount (3 month bills)	2 5/8
Bar Silver (per oz d.)	29 9/16
Consols (January)	88 3/4
do Finos	82 3/4
Rand dtoes	1 3/4
Egyptian Unified	1 4 3
" Railway	1 00 —
" Domain	108 —
Ottoman Defence	108 1/2
Turkish Unified	86 3/4
Italian Rente 4 %	105
Ottoman Bank shares	18 6 8
National Bank of Egypt	22 1/4
Suez Canal	101 —
New Daira	2 1/4
Consols Open	50
Rents (money)	89 7/8
Spanish 4 %	97 1/8
Spaniards of S. Africa	97 1/8
Agricultural Bank	9 1 2
Nile Valley Gold Mine	2 5/8
Delta Light Rail. (Bearer shares)	13 3/4 to 14 1/4
Egypt. cot seed to Hull (Dec.)	5 4/16 quiet
German Beet sugar (December)	— —

	PARIS, December 31.
Rente Turque	128 —
Crédit Lyonnais	1168
Ottoman Bank	594 —
Cheques on London	25.15 —
Sugar White No. 3 (December)	44 3/8
Crédit Foncier Egyptien	708 —
Banque d'Athènes, nouvelle actions	118 1/2

TELEGRAMME HAVAS

BOURSE du 31 décembre 1904

COURS DES VALEURS A TERME, CLOTURE

PARIS	
Rente Française 3 %	ex Fr. 97 9
Actions de Suez	" 4511 —
Lots Turcs	" 147 50
Turc Unifié	" 88 55
Dette Egyptienne Unifiée	" 105 50
Dette Ottomane	" 101 85
Crédit Foncier Egyptien	" 708 —
Extérieur espagnol	" 91 05
Banque d'Athènes, nouvelles actions	" 117 —
Russe consolidé	" 90 55
Change sur Londres	" 25 15
LONDRES	
Consolidés anglais	£ 88 11/16

Escomptes—Paris 3. Londres 3. Berlin 5.

JEREAL MARKET.

BANQUE EL FARAG (NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT)

YESTERDAY'S PRICES.

Wheat,	Ingazi	Ard. P.T.	125	to P.T.	127
"	Middling	" "	130	"	132
"	Mawani	" "	138	"	145
Beans,	Fugari	" "	80	"	81
"	Zawan	" "	83	"	84
"	(old crop)	" "	104	"	105
Lentils	Fugari	" "	94	"	93
"	Zawan red				
	Asnawi	" "	101	"	103
Barley,	Fugari	" "	64	"	65
"	Zawati	" "	69	"	72
"	Baladi	" "	78	" "	82
Dura	Shami	" "	75	" "	77
"	Baña	" "	82	" "	84
Beans		" "	125	"	130
Lupines		" "	210	"	240
Lentils	Ormaned Shami	" "	90	"	
"	Ormaned Fugari	" "	85	"	95

ORDERS IN BOAT AT SAHEL.

Wheat	Ard.	4500	
Beans	"	65 0	
Lentils	"	1000	
Barley	"	1200	
Dura Shami	"	50	
" Baña	"	1000	
Halba	"	150	

ARRIVAGES A MINET-EL-BASSAL

du mois de janvier 90[illegible]

Du	Coton	Graines de coton	Fèves
1. s/b.	6 214	ardebs 21,882 sacs	2 871
2. "	5,296 "	26,816 "	3 318
3. "	6,510 "	19 812 "	3 6
4. "	6, 08 "	24,206 "	652
5. "	3,634 "	16.104 "	1,179
6. "	4,611 "	6 736 "	1,5[illegible]
7. "	3, 91 "	19 512 "	2 245
8. "	4.847 "	7,500 "	883
9. "	5,187 "	16,210 "	1, 59
10. "	4,191 "	21,6 4 "	3,607
11. "	4 031 "	8,5 0 "	967
12. "	3,1 8 "	24,2 7 "	2 8
13. "	3,866 "	25, 85 "	289
14. "	5,151 "	14 5 9 "	2,3 7
15. "	4,134 "	18, 71 "	55
16. "	7,056 "	26 581 "	701
17. "	4,032 "	21.9.0 "	7 8
18. "	2 8.2 "	7,120 "	1,477
19. "	3, 80 "	14 605 "	2 837
20. "	4,345 "	15,08[illegible] "	830
21. "	3,060 "	10,474 "	1,501
22. "	3,473 "	13,9 1 "	7 7
23. "	2,470 "	10 647 "	893
24. "	3,5[illegible]7 "	16,2 9 "	7 2
25. "	3,595 "	16,1 0 "	8 5
26. "	3,383 "	12,311 "	7
27. "	4,646 "	2[illegible],150 "	2 8
28. "	4,459 "	21, 87 "	6.89
29. "	6,818 "	21 89 "	1,144
30. "	3,386 "	15 647 "	[illegible]
31. "	3,48 "	16,969 "	1,874

s/b 1-2. 87 ardebs 6[illegible] 8 sacs 88 988

N.B. Cette liste est relevée des registres de l'Index général Produce Association; nous la publions afin que l'on puisse la comparer avec les arrivages du mois de janvier de cette année.

EGYPTIAN MINING ACTIVITY.

In view of the existing activity in Egyptian Mining, the Directors of the London and Paris Exchange have retained the services of a competent Mining Engineer, whose reports on the present position of the various properties is of the utmost importance. This informs him is at the disposal of Clients. Correspondents contemplating investment in Egyptian Mining enterprises would be well advised to communicate with the Exchange before doing so, and thus avoid the loss of capital incurred by the purchase of worthless securities.

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THE EGYPTIAN DELTA LIGHT RAILWAYS, LIMITED.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

THE CAPITAL INCREASED.

The ordinary general meeting of the Egyptian Delta Light Railways, Limited, was held at London on the 20th ulto. Sir A. Colvin (chairman of the company) presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. F. J. Horne) read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, you will, I presume, as usual, take the report as read. It is with much pleasure that we place in your hands such a satisfactory account of the past year, the results achieved having been, as you will see, excellent. And this notwithstanding the fact that the cattle plague prevailed throughout the year, and that no moulods or religious fairs were held. Whilst the increased average mileage worked has been less than one-third per cent., the increase in the gross receipts has been £30,483 on a total of £192,791 for 1903, or 23 per cent. Towards this our passenger traffic has contributed £14,389—nearly one-half—the numbers carried have gone up by 841,715 on a former total of 3,636,688, or nearly 23 per cent. The goods traffic also was very good, the receipts having gone up by £11,272, or over 20 per cent., the tons lifted showing a very large increase of 274,167 tons on a former total of 471,530. But of this 195,198 tons were for a special traffic in earth for reclaiming land by filling. This is entered under the head of "Manure," and accounts for the very large apparent increase under that head. The increase, therefore, under goods proper is some 79,000 tons—say, 17 per cent.—there being an increase under nearly every important item. There was a good cotton crop, and we carried 25,326 tons more, making a total of 136,375 tons of cotton moved, mostly loose, on a total last year of 111,049. The through bookings with the State Railway is steadily increasing, and this year amounted to 112,500 tons. The stone traffic at the El-Mounir and Abou Zabel quarries has made a fair start, and amounted to 8,667 tons, and as the condition of the country improves—the improvement year by year is very notable—better houses will be erected and more stone required for building them, so that we look for a steady development of this traffic to find employment for our goods stock in the slack season. In some very interesting articles in *The Times* last year on American railways and their working, it was stated that one of the principal freight agents of an important American system, on being asked what would be the charges for the carriage of some 15-ton lots a distance of 35 miles, replied:—"Oh, we don't worry ourselves about such business as that. We must carry most of our freight an average of 50 miles at least before we can consider that we have paid expenses. I would rather carry from ten to forty tons of freight a distance of 1,500 miles for half a cent per ton per mile than I would carry it fifty miles for five cents per ton per mile." We think our staff, therefore, deserve credit for the results achieved, when I tell you that the average load of all our goods traffic is only twelve miles, with comparatively few consignments as large as 15 tons. We had about 300 miles of telegraph open at the end of the year, and earned £1,088, against an expenditure of £479. There is not much money in it, but it is a great convenience to our customers and in train working. Sundries also show a good increase of £4,510, due to hire of rolling stock for construction purposes, and to profits realised for the sale of reclaimed land. As regards our working charges, whilst the gross receipts have gone up by £30,483, of this increase only £8,857 has been spent on extra working, and this mainly on the additional train mileage entailed by the growth of the passenger and goods traffic. This brings our ratio of working down to the satisfactory figure of 55.94 per cent. against 69.12 last year. We trust that the traffic will steadily increase, and enable us to put this figure even somewhat lower; but on the other hand, we must remind you that as the line grows older the charges for maintenance and renewal of permanent way and rolling stock must increase. Well, gentlemen, when after meeting all charges for Debenture interest, putting by the sum of £11,046 for the sinking fund, and £2,834 for reserve, or a total of £13,880, equivalent to 1.3 per cent. on the Preference capital—although a considerable portion of that capital was unproductive, owing to delays in getting sanction for works, in obtaining possession of land required, and other causes—we found that we had sufficient to pay you a dividend of 5 per cent. for the year without any material reduction of the amount brought forward from last year, to say nothing of having an appreciable reserve in hand, considering the short time we have been working, we thought that with favorable prospects for the current year before us we were fully justified in recommending for your approval that dividend.

Since the report was issued we have heard that Government have given their consent to the fusion of the Helouan Railway with that owned by the Delta Company, which has now been taken over and worked by us. As pointed out in the report, the concession for the Cairo Quarry lines has been completed, and we have now started work on them. For the reasons given in the report we have not during the year made as much progress as we could have wished with our extensions, having only opened some 17 miles; since September 30th 6 miles more have been opened. The concession of the Province of Menoufieh is still delayed, pending the completion, presumably, of Government formalities, although we have done what we could during the past year to bring the matter to a close. We have also surveyed some 130 miles of line, and carried out some improvements in the way of better stations, conversion of flag stations into permanent stations, lengthening of sidings, and such-like work necessitated by the growth of the traffic. Altogether we have expended some £141,000, of which £47,611 has been spent on rolling stock, we having put on the line twelve new 6-wheeled coupled engines, which take excellent loads, 25 new bogie coaching vehicles, 100 new bogie steel platform wagons, and since the close of the year 25 new bogie coaching vehicles and six more engines have been completed and are ready to go. With the growing extension and increasing traffic we must keep the line well supplied with stock, and more will be required immediately. Your board is greatly indebted to the exertions and intelligent conduct of their affairs by their staff in Egypt, to all of whom, and especially to their agent, Captain Adams, R.E., the acknowledgments of the company are largely due. I am glad to be able to add that throughout the year we have continued to maintain our customary excellent relations with the Egyptian Government authorities. I may mention that the managing director and myself hope to be able to visit Egypt again this winter, to discuss various important points with the local board and the Government, and I trust our visits will continue to be of the same use and advantage to the company as I venture to believe has hitherto shown itself the case, both as regards the Government and as enabling us personally to discuss with the local board, questions which require discussion on the spot, and of which the disposal is facilitated by such a direct exchange of views between your directors. With your permission I propose to deal first with the ordinary business of the meeting, and when that is disposed of to bring before you proposals for an increase of capital. I will, therefore, now move:—"That the report of the directors, dated November 30th, 1904, together with the statement of accounts and balance-sheet for the year ended September 30th, 1904, be and they are hereby approved, confirmed and adopted." Before putting the resolution to the vote I shall be very glad to answer any question that shareholders may wish to put to me, or give any information in my power.

The Hon. Sir C. W. Fremantle seconded the resolution.

No questions being asked, the resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The second resolution I have the honor to propose is: "That the interim dividend paid in June, 1904, be confirmed, and that a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended September 30th, 1904, on the Preference share capital of the company be and hereby is declared to be paid to the shareholders of the Preference shares standing on the registers of the company at December 20th, 1904, and the holders of Preference share warrants to bearer."

Lieutenant-Colonel R. L. Marryat, R.E. (managing director), seconded the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Sir C. W. Fremantle moved, "That Sir Auckland Colvin, one of the directors retiring in order of rotation, be re-elected."

This was seconded by Sir Francis L. O'Callaghan and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then moved the re-election of the Hon. Sir C. W. Fremantle, and, this having been seconded by Mr. Robert Miller, was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Montagu Sharpe, Maurice Cattaui Bey was also re-elected a director.

Mr. Alfred Wilkins moved the reappointment of Messrs. Frank Davies, Meredith and Co. as auditors.

Mr. Benjamin Keatle seconded the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, I have now to bring before you our proposals for the increase of capital, the resolutions concerning which you will have seen on the back of the report. We are not in immediate want of cash, as we probably have sufficient to carry us on for some months, but have come to the end of our powers of issue, and we desire to be in a position to be able to issue more capital as we require it, and to take advantage of a favorable money market, for, as you must be aware, that market of late years has not always been very favorable to fresh issues of capital. We therefore ask you to create 39,460 new Preference shares, it being understood that we do not propose to issue the whole of this amount at once, as this would form far too heavy a strain on our current revenue, but only such amounts as we require from time to time and can reasonably expect to earn interest on without seriously affecting your dividends in any particular year. I will, therefore, now move:—"That the capital of the company be increased by the creation of 39,460 new Preference shares of the nominal amount of £10 each, and that such Preference shares be issued and allotted by the board upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, but such shares shall be issued upon the terms (subject to the powers of the board under Article 165 to set aside sinking funds and otherwise) that the surplus profits in each year after providing for a dividend on the amounts from time to time paid, or credited as paid, otherwise than in advance on all Preference shares at the rate of 5½ per cent. for such year, shall be applied, first, in making up the arrears of dividend on the Preference shares of the company previously issued in respect of the period previous to the date of issue of the new Preference shares hereby authorised, and when those arrears have been paid, then in paying up the arrears (if any) which may subsequently accrue on all Preference shares in the order in which such arrears may have accrued, and thereafter the sum of 10s 9d per cent. per annum on the said £394,600 of new capital as part of the sinking fund heretofore authorised in respect of the previous capital, so as to insure the repayment of the whole of the share capital authorised up to the date hereof in its due order of priority under the articles. Save as aforesaid, the said new Preference shares shall rank in all respects with the existing Preference shares of the company."

Sir C. W. Fremantle seconded the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

A shareholder asked if the chairman had anything to say with regard to the land company as it affected this company.

The Chairman: The land company is still in an early stage. I think all that is to be said about it at present is that it is in the stage of inquiry and initial proceedings, but as far as we can see at present things are going on very favorably, and quite up to any expectations we could have. (Applause).

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman on the motion of Mr. J. H. Busby, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, and the proceedings terminated.

SPORT AND PLAY.

RACING.

HELOUAN FIRST WINTER MEETING.

We congratulate the Helouan Sporting Club on the success of the races held on Saturday afternoon. Some of the causes which contributed to their success—the weather, for example, and the air—could not, it is true, be assigned to the activity of the committee, but in all that concerned the arrangements on the course we noticed an enormous improvement on last year. The pari-mutuel is now behind the grand-stand, which has been properly roofed and fitted up. The arrangements for supplying tea were capital, and the races began and ended as punctually as possible. There were many residents and visitors at the races; we noticed among them H.H. Prince Mohamed Ibrahim, General Lance, C.B., Coles Pasha, Ishak Boy Hussein, Mr. Astley Friend, Saleh Bey Yaghen, Mr. Carter Wilson, Mr. Webb, Judge and Mrs. Satow, Capt. Herbert, Dr. and Mrs. Nolan, Dr. Bentley, Mr. Monteith-Smith, Mr. Aspinall, Major Davidson, Ibrahim Bey Cherif, Ahmed Bey Bakri, Mr. Lockett, Axis Pasha Izzet, Mr. Michaelides, and many others.

The chief feature of the racing was the success of Mohamed Pasha Chehin's horses: two firsts, a second, and a third was a good record, and in the Sahara Stakes Bibico's win was a very easy affair, and Aeolus was only caught in the last 100 yards by Kohelan Tair. The fourth race was a long way the best of the day, and Mizzad lasting very well beat Shewiman, the favorite, by a little. In the fifth race Fil de Fer was a rather unexpected winner. Roland's effort in the third race was a little too late; a hundred and fifty yards more, and he would probably have been third, if not by second.

CRITERION STAKES: of P.T. 2,500, 1st horse to receive P.T. 2,000, 2nd P.T. 300 and 3rd P.T. 200. For Maiden Arab ponies that have never won a race of any description or value. Weight for age and inches. Distance 5 furlongs.

Saleh Bey Yaghen's g.a.h. Misser, 9.11. Hassan Suliman. 1
Saleh Bey Yaghen's ch.a.h. Sibame, 10.8. Stillwell. 2
Mr. Ekisler's g.a.h. Fahr, 10.3. Whiteside. 3
Ibrahim Bey Cherif's ch.a.h. Soldat, 9.13. 0
Mohamed Pasha Chehin's g.a.h. Mamdooh, 10.1. 0
Kamel Effendi Maher's b.a.h. Inspector, 10.7. 0

From the start Soldat was nowhere and the race was obviously left to Saleh Bey Yaghen's horses, Misser winning by 2 lengths; Fahr came up well at the last corner but could not stay and was a poor third. Time 1 min. 13 sec.

Totalisator paid P.T.70 on winner. Places 40, 25, 27.

MAIDEN GALLOWAYS; of P.T. 2,400. 1st horse to receive P.T. 2,000, 2nd P.T. 300, and 3rd P.T. 200. For maiden Arab galloways. Weight for age and inches; winners of a race of any description of the advertised value of P.T. 2,000 7lbs. extra. Distance ¾ mile.

Omar Bey Sultan's and Ahmed Bey el-Bakri's b.a.h. Sayad II, 10.3. Bonser. 1
Mr. A. Schreiber's ch.ah. Rainbow, 9.5. Matthews. 2
Ibrahim Bey Nagati's g.a.h. Macdonald, 10.7. Stillwell. 0
Mohamed Pasha Chehin's br.a.h. Togo, 9.11. Mr. A. J. Michaelides. 0

Togo gave a great deal of trouble at the start, going some half-a-mile up the course before the flag fell. When the horses at last were ready the start was poor. Sayad II. and Togo led, but after the cutting Macdonald came up, only to give way to Rainbow, who passed Togo but could get nowhere near Sayad II., who won anyhow. Togo was third by ½ of a length. Time 1.27.

Totalisator paid P.T. 126 on winner. Places, 33, 44.

SAHARA STAKES, of P.T.13,000, 2nd horse to receive P.T.2,000, and 3rd horse P.T. 1,000 out of the stakes. Weight for age and inches with penalties, reduced 7lbs. Distance 7 furlongs.

Omar Bey Sultan and Ahmed Bey-el-Bakri's g.a.h. Kohelan Tair, 10.7. Bonser. 1
Saleh Bey Yaghen's b.a.h. Munir, 10.7. Stillwell. 0
Saleh Bey Yaghen's b.a.h. Abou-Arkoub 10.7. H. Suleiman. 0
Mohamed Pasha Chehin's b.a.h. Bibico, 9.1. Mihhali. 2
Mohamed Pasha Chehin's b.a.h., Aeolus, 10.3. Mr. A. J. Michaelides. 3
Ibrahim Bey Nagati's ch.a.h. Selim, 9.9. Vassili. 0
Mr. Rees & Kamel Effendi's b.a.h. Firefly, 10.7. Kamel Effendi. 0
Mr. Edward Bustros's g.a.h. Roland, 11.6. Fenwick. 0
Ibrahim Bey Cherif's g.a.h. Sattam, 10.7. Elias. 2
Firefly, which, with Roland, was a warm favorite, led at the start but at the cutting Bibico and Aeolus were ahead and simply riding away from the rest, who followed 4 or 5 lengths behind in a bunch. In the straight Sattam and Roland rushed up, and the former going very hard caught Aeolus and was second by half a length, Bibico winning without any undue exertion. Roland kept his effort till too late but was going very well at the finish.

Totalisator paid P.T. 41 on winner. Places 30, 47, 32.

DESERT HANDICAP, of P.T. 3,000, 1st horse to receive P.T. 2,000, 2nd P.T.700, and 3rd P.T.300 For Arab horses. Top-weight not to exceed 11 st. Distance 1 ½ mile.

Ibrahim Bey Cherif's ch.a.h. Royalist, 10.7. Elias. 1
Mr. A. Schreiber's g.a.h. Shewiman, 10.2. Matheus. 2
Mohamed Pasha Chehin's g.b.h. Mizzad, 10.2. Mihali. 3

After a moderate start Shewiman led but Mizzad and Royalist challenged him and at the first time round it was anyone's race. Second time round Mizzad passed Royalist, all three horses still together but had to give way to Shewiman, who looked like winning on emerging from the cutting. Then came a splendid race all the way home. Mizzad came gradually up, got ahead in the straight and just got home by half-a-length. Royalist was a good third but his jockey used the whip too early.

Totalisator paid P.T.94 on winner, P.T.61 for place.

This race was followed by what appeared to be a private and informal sparring display between two well-known Egyptian owners of racing stables, which was not visible from the grand-stand.

TRIAL PLATE, of P.T. 2,500, 1st horse to receive P.T. 2,000, 2nd P.T. 300 and 3rd P.T. 200. For Maiden arab horses that have never won a race of the advertised value of P.T. 1,000 or more. Weight for age. Galloways allowed 4lbs. ponies 7lbs. Distance ¾ mile.

Saleh Bey Cherif's g.a.h. Fil de Fer (late Kusko), 9.8. Stillwell. 1
Mohamed Pasha Chehin's b.a.h. Aeolus, 10. Mr. A. J. Michaelides. 2
Saleh Bey Yaghen's ch.a.h. Sibame, 10. Hassan. 3
Saleh Bey Yaghen's g.a.h. Misser, 9.12. Ali. 0
Ibrahim Bey Nagati's g.a.h. Macdonald, 10.9. Vassili. 0
Mr. Ekisler's g.a.h. Fahr, 10. Whiteside. 0
Mr. N. Joannovich's ch.a.h. Napa. 10.7. Bonser. 0
Ibrahim Bey Cherif's ch.a.h. Soldat. 10. 0
Mohamed Pasha Chehin's b.a.h. Gordius, 10.5. Mikhali. 0
Mr. Augustus Miller's Magnoon, 10.7. Kamel Effendi. 0
Mr. Edouard Bustros's g.a.h. Don Quichotte, 10.7. Fenwick. 0

Fil de Fer started off well, followed by Aeolus, who came up well in the straight but could not reach Stillwell's mount. Sibame picked up well at the finish and was less than a length behind Aeolus. Time 1.57. Totalisator paid P.T. 89 on winner. Places: 35, 28, 124.

CONSOLATION STAKES, of P.T. 1,300, 1st horse to receive P.T. 1,000, 2nd P.T. 200, and 3rd P.T. 100. For all beaten horses. Catch weights over 11st for horses, 10st. 7lbs. for Galloways and 10st for Ponies. Distance about ½ mile.

Royalist 10.0. Whiteside. 1
Fahr. 2
Sattam 10.0. 3
Togo 10.0. Mikhali. 0
Kohilan Tair 10.0. 0

Not much interest was taken in this race, which ended in a fairly easy win for Royalist. Togo was badly ridden or might have secured a place.

Totalisator paid P.T. 29 for winner.

Places, 40, 68, 17.

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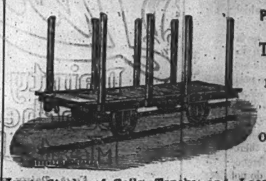

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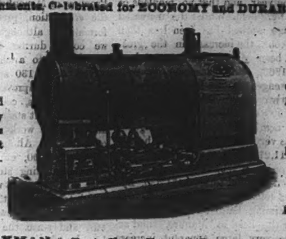

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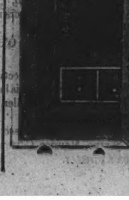

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